

## MANDATORY CHILD ABUSE REPORTING

During the Seventy-ninth General Assembly House File 680 was signed into law. This bill addresses child and dependent abuse reporting. The four major points of this law that affects FaDSS are as follows:

1. Language was added to include an employee or operator of family development and self-sufficiency grant program as person(s) required to make a report of child abuse if in the scope of professional practice or in their employment responsibilities examines, attends, counsels, or treats a child and reasonably believes a child has suffered abuse.
2. Within one month of initial employment the person shall obtain a statement of the abuse reporting requirements from the person's employer.
3. A person required to make a report shall complete an approved training relating to the identification and reporting of child abuse within six months of initial employment. The person shall complete an approved child abuse identification and reporting training every five years thereafter.
4. The employer or supervisor of a person who is a mandatory or permissive reporter shall not apply a policy, work rule, or other requirement that interferes with the person making a report of child abuse.

*A history of House File 680 can be obtained by going to [www.legis.state.ia.us/](http://www.legis.state.ia.us/), find the list of Bills, scroll down to HF 680 and click on for full Bill history.*

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